

House Study Bill 99 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to insurance coverage for dental care services.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.3C Dental coverage —
2 assignment of health insurance benefits.

3 A person who is the owner of any rights or benefits under a
4 policy or contract of insurance which provides for coverage of
5 dental care services shall be permitted to assign all or any
6 part of that person's rights and privileges under the policy or
7 contract, including but not limited to the right to designate
8 a beneficiary and to have an individual policy or contract
9 issued in accordance with the terms of the policy or contract.
10 Such assignment shall be without prejudice to the insurer on
11 account of any payment the insurer makes or individual policy
12 or contract the insurer issues before receiving notice of the
13 assignment, provided that the insurer was acting in good faith.
14 If written proof of an assignment of benefits is presented to
15 an insurer, health maintenance organization, managed care plan,
16 health care plan, preferred provider organization, or other
17 third-party payor, then payment shall be made directly to the
18 health care professional or health care facility providing the
19 dental services. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
20 prevent any persons from reconciling duplicate payments.

21 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 514C.3D Uniform coordination of
22 benefits.

23 A policy or contract of insurance which provides for
24 coverage of dental care services shall provide for coordination
25 of benefits in a manner so that the policy or contract pays the
26 same amount for the dental care services provided regardless
27 of the existence of other coverage for the dental care
28 services, so long as the total amount paid does not exceed one
29 hundred percent of the amount of the applicable claim. Such
30 coordination of benefits shall be effected consistent with
31 rules adopted by the commissioner of insurance under chapter
32 17A, based upon similar model rules developed by the national
33 association of insurance commissioners.

34 Sec. 3. Section 514J.103, subsection 1, Code 2013, is
35 amended to read as follows:

1 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, this chapter shall
2 apply to all health carriers, including health carriers issuing
3 a policy or certificate that provides coverage for dental care.

4 Sec. 4. Section 514J.103, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
5 2013, is amended to read as follows:

6 a. A policy or certificate that provides coverage only for a
7 specified disease, specified accident or accident-only, credit,
8 disability income, hospital indemnity, long-term care, ~~dental~~
9 ~~care~~, vision care, or any other limited supplemental benefit.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill relates to insurance coverage for dental care
12 services.

13 New Code section 514C.3C provides that a person who owns
14 rights or benefits under a policy or contract of insurance
15 which provides for coverage of dental care services must be
16 allowed to assign any or part of that person's rights and
17 privileges under the policy or contract, including the right
18 to designate a beneficiary and to have an individual policy or
19 contract issued. The assignment is without prejudice to an
20 insurer that makes a payment in good faith under the policy
21 or contract before receiving notice of the assignment. If
22 written proof of the assignment of benefits is presented to an
23 insurer, health maintenance organization, managed care plan,
24 health care plan, preferred provider organization, or other
25 third-party payor, the payment for coverage of dental care
26 services shall be made directly to the health care provider
27 providing the services. The section shall not be construed to
28 prevent reconciliation of duplicate payments.

29 New Code section 514C.3D provides that a policy or contract
30 of insurance which provides for coverage of dental care
31 services shall provide for coordination of benefits in a
32 manner so that the policy or contract pays the same amount
33 for the dental care services provided regardless of whether
34 there is other coverage for the services, so long as the total
35 amount paid does not exceed 100 percent of the amount of the

1 claim. The commissioner of insurance shall adopt rules to
2 provide for such coordination of benefits, based on similar
3 model rules developed by the national association of insurance
4 commissioners.

5 Code section 514J.103 is amended to provide that decisions
6 of health carriers issuing a policy or certificate that
7 provides coverage for dental care are subject to the external
8 review provisions of Code chapter 514J, and the chapter is also
9 applicable to a policy or certificate that provides coverage
10 only for dental care.